

THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THE RUINED RAILROADS

The Present Prosperity Seems
To Be Just Playing Smash
With Them.

The full ruin wrought among our railroads by temporary prosperity, so deprecated by Mr. Hughes, can be understood by an analysis of the latest of earnings for July and then for the past six months. For the month of July the story is told in this dispatch from Washington:

Washington, Sept. 12.—Net revenues from railway operations of \$93,415,264 for July, as against \$75,525,939 for July, 1915, for 159 railroads were announced to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"The gross revenue for the roads reporting was \$265,517,824, or more than \$40,000,000 over a year ago. The gross expenses were \$172,102,560, or about \$21,000,000 more than a year ago."

The peculiar value in these figures relates to the decreased operating expenses, compared to the gross earnings, illustrating the ignored truth that the great profit for the railroads lies in the increased business; the new business; the traffic secured by the growth of the country, which traffic it can carry at a reduced rate and still show a handsome profit.

The business this year was conducted at a cost of 65 per cent. of the revenue. Last year the revenues were 225 millions; the operating cost 151, and the pro rata was 67, omitting fractions.

This comparison is equally significant if we take the complete returns for the first six months of 1916, and covering nearly the whole system, or, to be exact, 249,246 miles, instead of 150 roads.

The gross earnings for 1916 were 1,731 millions; net earnings, 559. The operating expenses are 68 per cent. of the gross.

In 1915 the gross earnings for the same period were 1,407 millions; the net earnings were 394 millions; the operating expenses were 72 per cent. of the gross.

This is ruin at arithmetical progression, and recalls one of the stories of Private John Allen:

"Mandy, what has happened to you?" said a friend, on the streets of Tupelo, Miss., addressing a negro woman royally arrayed in purple and gold, and the latest creations of fashion, regardless of fitness.

"Law, man; hain't you heard? Why, I've been ruined."—[Louisville Post.]

PRESENT POLICY IS TO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

That the state of the country under the Wilson administration is such as to make the ancient adage "Let well enough alone" eminently applicable and timely, is shown in the following report of William Hooper, staff correspondent of the International News Service, who is accompanying Hughes the fault-finder in his campaign over the western trail the pathfinders traveled a century ago.

From Denver, August 31st, he reports on the Hughes reception at a Colorado county fair:

"Evidence of the prosperity which

practically the entire West is enjoying—one of the hardest nuts the candidate has to crack in this campaign—greeted him on every side at this gathering of farmers. There were not less than 2,000 automobiles lined up along the race track when the Hughes party entered the fair grounds. Thousands of well-dressed, well-clothed women and children and prosperous looking grangers were present.

"The sheds scattered about the enclosure were stocked with fat prize hogs, sleek cattle and every variety of farm products. Overhead a monoplane evolved. It was a fair sample of the 'let well enough alone' audiences which have greeted Mr. Hughes throughout his tour."

MAN WITHOUT WORK— HEARTBROKEN AND DIES

Chicago, Sept. 22.—"A broken heart" because he had no work to do, was said to have been the cause of the death of John Agnew, aged eighty-four, by his son. On July 1 last, Agnew, after sixty-four years' service for the city, went on the pension roll.

"I have nothing to live for now," he is quoted by his son as having said. "Rather than quit I would work for nothing."

But the municipal pension law had to be enforced. John Agnew had to step down and out.

In the council chamber of the city hall a few days later, Mr. Agnew received his first pension check. The occasion was celebrated by various speakers, including Mayor Thompson. When they congratulated John Agnew on his long service, his eyes filled with tears.

"This idleness is killing me," he told his son later. "I'm afraid I'll never get used to it. What a blessing is work, work, work."

Members of his family tried to cheer him up, but he grew worse, and yesterday died.

THE OLD GUARD STILL COMMANDS SITUATION

That the Republican party is a party of inaction as well as reaction is shown by the vote in the Senate on the Emergency Revenue measure. Every Republican Senator, save five, when voting on that bill, voted against:

1. A non-partisan tariff commission.

2. Readjustment of tariff on dyestuffs.

3. Protection against post-bellum dumping.

4. Tax on excessive profits on war munitions.

5. Inheritance tax on swollen fortunes—the most equitable of all taxes.

6. Increase in income surtaxes—a small increase in the taxes of the very rich.

Of such are the leaders of the forces that nominated Hughes, and who will be in power in the event of Republican success.

PIONEER CITIZEN OF BUTLER COUNTY DEAD

Morgantown, Ky., Sept. 20.—James M. Phelps, 89 years old, pioneer resident of Butler county, died at his residence here last night of infirmities incident to age. He was born in Butler county October 31, 1827, near Woodbury, on the north side of Green river. In May, 1852, he married Polly A. Reeves, of Warren county, daughter of Peter Reeves, who lives near Greencastle. From the date of their marriage they had lived in Butler county.

Mr. Phelps was a son of Julian Phelps, known as "River Julian," and was one of twelve children. He himself was the father of twelve children.

For many years Mr. Phelps was a Justice of the Peace and was actively connected with the upbuilding of the county. His mother was Mary Smith, sister of Morgan Smith, for whom Morgantown was named.

He Cited An Exception.

A religious worker while visiting a Western town pressed his conviction that no young man should visit any place to which he would not feel justified in taking his own sister.

"Is there any young man present who thinks one may safely disregard this wise rule?" asked the speaker.

Whereupon a youth in the rear of the hall arose and shouted in a stentorian tone:

"Yes, sir; I do."

"And what, sir," demanded the angry and surprised speaker, "is the place which you yourself would think of visiting to which you could not take your sister?"

"The barber shop," replied the youth.

A man smiles a cynical smile when a woman says she has got to spend an evening down town on committee work. Perhaps he thinks she is working the same gag he has so often worked.

LOST—A BOY!

Not kidnaped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and rouse a nation to frenzied searching. Were that the case, a hundred thousand men would rise to the rescue if need be. Unfortunately, the losing of the lad is without any dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real. The fact is that his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer trivial questions during the years when fathers are the great and only heroes of boys, he let go his hold upon him.

Yes, his mother lost him. Being much engrossed in her teas, dinners, and club programs, she let her maid hear the boy say his prayers, and thus her grip slipped, and the boy was lost to his home.

Aye, his church lost him. Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the minister and elders were unmindful of the human feelings of the boy in the pew and made no provision in sermon or song or manly sport; and so many sad-hearted parents are looking for their lost boys.

NO BLUNDERING NOW NEEDED IN KENTUCKY

It is well enough for the Democracy in Kentucky to understand that to win the electoral vote in November it must fight and fight hard, contesting every inch of the ground and bringing out every Democratic vote. If 10,000 Democrats in the State should stay away from the polls, an average of five to the precinct, the Republicans will carry Kentucky. There must be no blundering or mismanagement, but wise leadership, close organization and every voter gotten to the polls.

Kentucky, for a number of Presidential elections, has been a close State. In 1896 the Republicans elected ten electors and the Democrats one. In 1900 Bryan carried the State by only 5,000. Parker carried it by less than 10,000. In 1908 Bryan only had a majority of 11,000 and in 1912 Wilson had only a majority of 2,000 over the Taft and Roosevelt vote.

These figures in the last five Presidential elections show how close Kentucky is. They give hope and encouragement to the Republicans.

In addition to this, Mr. Hert, the National Republican Committeeman for Kentucky, has charge of the purse-strings in the Chicago headquarters and if coin can carry the State, Hert will see that it is supplied.

It is not a year for confidence upon the part of Democrats, but for work. Not a year for claims of a big majority, but a year to work to secure a substantial one. We have the votes to make victory certain but to be absolutely sure of winning we must see that every Democrat casts his ballot.—[Elizabethtown News.]

ENORMOUS QUANTITY OF LIQUOR DESTROYED

Half a million dollars' worth of liquor went into the Chattahoochee river to furnish libations for the fishes and thirty men were kept steadily at work for three days breaking bottles of whisky and beer, according to Solicitor Hugo L. Black, of Birmingham, after three weeks passed at Girard, Ala., conducting cases growing out of the wholesale liquor raids made in the State line city, says the Chattanooga Times. Liquor was destroyed in such great quantities, according to Mr. Black, that an offer of \$55 was made for the barrels and crates in which the liquor had been contained. He declared the clean-up was the most sweeping and on the largest scale of any liquor raids ever conducted in the country.

SMOOTH COFFIN TRICK WORKED ON UNDERTAKER

An entirely new money-raising scheme was worked successfully in this city several days ago, when Sam Dabney, the well known colored undertaker, separated himself from a roll of the green boys to the extent of about \$20 or \$25. It was something new in Clarksville.

A colored man dropped into Dabney's establishment and called the proprietor to one side, and very confidentially told him that he was going to purchase a casket from him to be shipped to Cleveland, Ohio where his brother had died the night before. He explained to Sam that the reason that he was buying the coffin in Clarksville was simply because he could buy a good grade of coffin cheaper here than he could in the Ohio city.

Of course Sam felt somewhat complimented to think that he could sell coffins cheaper than they could in Cleveland, Ohio. Then the stran-

ger told Sam that his brother had a life insurance policy amounting to \$500 on his life, and that this would guarantee the payment on the casket. However, death had crept so swiftly upon his brother the stranger had been taken completely by surprise and without funds. As the stranger evidently thought so much of his deceased brother, Sam let him have \$20 to go to Cleveland to accompany the body back to this place. The coffin was shipped. Two or three days passed but the body did not arrive in Clarksville. Sam began to get uneasy. He queried the express company; he found that the casket was in the express office unclaimed. He queried the police, and found that no such party as the coffin had been shipped to, lived in Cleveland, Ohio. Sam was in the middle of a fix. He was out a coffin and \$20 railroad fare for his customer. There was nothing to be done but to have the coffin shipped back to Clarksville and pay the express on it both ways. Sam says he did not know his customer personally, but had heard of him and thought he was all right.—[Clarksville, (Tenn.) Leaf-Chronicle.]

NEGRO PRAISES SPIRIT OF MOB LYNCHING HIM

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 22.—Henry White, a negro, who this morning dragged Beulah Fugatt, 18, into the woods and was choking her into unconsciousness when her brother appeared, and who was soon captured by a mob and hanged to a tree near the scene of his crime, told the mob just before he was strung up that "white men were right in protecting their women."

His body, hanging at the end of a log chain, was riddled with bullets. The lynching took place at Durham, Ga., near here. Another negro accused of furnishing a pistol to White while the mob was searching for him, narrowly escaped a similar fate. He is in jail.

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